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Press Release

New Taxpayers Charter Explains Kyrgyz Taxpayers' Rights and Responsibilities

On December 5, 2008 the Chairperson of the Kyrgyz Republic's State Committee on Taxes and Fees officially signed the Taxpayers Charter. The document was developed by the State Committee with assistance from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Economic Reforms to Enhance Competitiveness Project.

The Taxpayers Charter adopted is based on the new Tax Code and will help individuals and businesses understand and meet their tax obligations as well as receive their entitlements. The Charter, in simple and clear language, outlines the basic taxpayer's rights, such as the right to be informed and assisted, the right to appeal, and the right to privacy and fair treatment. The Charter also outlines the basic obligations of the taxpayer by stating that each taxpayer is expected to be honest and cooperative, keep records, provide accurate information, and pay their taxes on time. The document lists the services and standards that the citizens can expect when dealing with the tax service.

The Kyrgyz Republic's State Committee on Taxes and Fees is the second public body to adopt a Taxpayers Charter in the CIS, after Kazakhstan.

The USAID Economic Reforms to Enhance Competitiveness project helped the committee to learn about the concept of taxpayers charters in other countries.

This project is one of the many USAID assistance projects in Kyrgyzstan. Since 1992 the American people through USAID have delivered over \$400 million in support to Kyrgyzstan's economic growth, democratic institutions, healthcare, and education.



Photo: from left to right – Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Taxes and Fees, Mr. Ahmatbek Keldibekov, Chairman of the State Committee on Taxes and Fees and Ms. Mairamkul Sherimbekova, Head of the Payments Department of the State Committee on Taxes and Fees.



Photo: Mr. Ahmatbek Keldibekov (right), Chairman of State Committee on Taxes and Fees and Mr. Peter Bruges (left), Country Manager of USAID's Economic Reforms to Enhance Competitiveness Project.